I claim:

1. 1. A registry system comprising:

2. a. means to record the preferences of a prospective recipient of goods;

3. b. means to receive and record orders from registrants; and

4. c. a timing system whereby orders from registrants are filled over a period of

5. time.

1. 2. The system of claim 1, wherein the orders from registrants are matched with preferences of the prospective recipient.

3. The system of claim 1, wherein orders are received over a global communications network.

4. The system of claim 1, wherein the means to record preferences and the means to receive and record orders comprises a common data base in a structured query language.

1. 5. A method of filling orders for perishable goods comprising the steps of:

2. a. establishing a registry of prospective recipients;

3. b. enrolling the preferences of the prospective recipients into the registry;

4. c. receiving orders for perishable goods to be provided to the prospective

5. recipients;

6. d. matching the orders with the preferences of the prospective recipients; and

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7   e.   filling the orders over a predetermined period of time.

1   6.   The method of claim 5, wherein the preferences of the prospective registrants are
2   specified by the prospective registrants.

1   7.   The method of claim 5, wherein the preferences of the prospective registrants are
2   specified by someone other than the prospective registrants.

            8.   The method of claim 5, wherein the perishable goods are flowers.

            9.   The method of claim 5, wherein the perishable goods are delivered on a first date
            and on a second date separated in time from the first date.

            10.   The method of claim 5, wherein the step of enrolling the preferences of the
            prospective recipients into the registry is performed over a global communications
3   network.

1   11.   The method of claim 5, wherein the step of receiving orders for perishable goods
2   is performed over a global communications network.